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Request for Expedited Procedure  
Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Group Art Unit: 3739  
Docket No.: S0530.0002

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Shinji Fujikawa et al.

Application No.: 10/771,638

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Art Unit: 3739

For: ENDOSCOPE APPARATUS

Examiner: M. J. Kasztejna

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-11, 13, 17, 19, 21, and 22, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

|   | Claims<br>Remaining After<br>Amendment | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Number Extra<br>Claims<br>Present | Rate | Additional<br>Fee |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| Total   | 14                                     | - 21* =                           |                                   | X    |                   |
| Independent   | 1                                      | - 3** =                           |                                   | X    |                   |
| First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) |  |                                   |                                   |      |                   |
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\*not less than 20

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No additional fee is required.

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## CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.